

Iron County Quality Improvement Committee

Meeting Dates:	January 20, 2010 February- No Meeting March 17, 2010	Review and Action Plan	Follow-up
Dash Board Items:	Membership	<p>J: Susan Goodman, Foster Care Program Manager for the Cedar City DCFS office was introduced as a new member of the QIC.</p> <p>M: Amber Perkins resigned as the Chair for the Iron County QIC due to work conflicts. Amy Bates accepted the nomination to take over as the chair for the Iron County QIC.</p>	
	Action Plan Objective: Parental Drug Abuse	M: Destry informed the QIC that he was contacted by Julie Steele. She is with the Utah Drug Endangered Children's Alliance and would like to facilitate a forum which would involve our QIC. A tentative date of June 16 th has been set for this to occur.	
	Action Plan Objective: Workload Reduction / Worker Retention and Recognition		
	Action Plan Objective: Resource Family Support	<p>J: The team discussed the idea of having a foster parent/caseworker immersion as they have had some positive results with these in the Northern Region. The QIC is supportive of the concept and would be willing to help facilitate such and event. Diane Callister is heading this up.</p> <p>J: Susan educated the QIC about the role of the RFC's with in our region and how they are there to support Resource Families.</p>	J: The finalized copy of the Resource Family Feedback Form was distributed. Shandra will provide copies to Amy Bates who will then make them available at the cluster meetings.
Public Relations:	Action Plan Objective: Public Perception	M: Annie reported on how the increased coordination between DCFS and the Paiute Social Services has been very helpful and productive. CPS is meeting with their team twice monthly and the Foster Care team is meeting with them once a month.	J: The QIC reviewed the story in the Iron County Today publication for which the QIC helped facilitate. The story ran in November which was National Adoption Awareness Month and featured a local family who has adopted through DCFS. The story was very positive.
CPS Issues:		J: The QIC reviewed repeat maltreatment data related to Iron County. It was noted that Iron County was under the federal standard. Destry provided Mark H. CPS program manager with	M: Mark H. provided a visual presentation regarding cases where there has been repeat maltreatment and some of the factors which influence this issue. The

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		a list of the specific cases for which this occurred. Mark was asked to review these cases and provide the committee with some explanations as to why repeat maltreatment has occurred.	QIC discussed some ideas which might impact this issue positively.
Other Business:		<p>J: Mark Y. provided the QIC with information about BACA and how they support and work with the families they serve. It was discussed how in some cases it may be appropriate to use a BACA member as an informal support for children transitioning out of foster care.</p> <p>M: Destry explained to the committee how the Medicaid cutbacks are going to effect placements in the future. Destry explained some of the things that are being done to address the situations the Medicaid restructuring will create.</p> <p>M: The QIC reviewed the budget restrictions placed on State agencies which was put in place by the Governor.</p>	<p>J: QIC was informed at our last meeting of our efforts to bolster our in-home program in Cedar City by shifting two workers over to Mark's team who would solely provide in-home services. Destry reported that one case worker has been shifted over to Mark's team but a hiring freeze occurred prior to shifting the other position over so it is on hold until the freeze is lifted.</p> <p>J: Destry and Helen attended the QIC Summit. Destry informed the committee that the 3 focus areas for this year are: 1. Loss of Medicaid funding 2. In-Home Services. 3. The Safety Decision Making Model.</p>
DATA Review		<p>J: The QIC reviewed repeat maltreatment data related to Iron County. It was noted that Iron County was under the federal standard. Destry provided Mark H. CPS program manager with a list of the specific cases for which this occurred. Mark was asked to review these cases and provide the committee with some explanations as to why repeat maltreatment has occurred.</p> <p>M: Reviewed QCR 2010 data. Overall the review was positive but it was noted that Child and Family Team Coordination was relatively low. It was concerning that this score has decreased over the last 5 years.</p>	